

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 were present in the application. Claims 4-7 are allowed. Claims 1-3 and 8-12 are canceled, to further prosecution and lead to early issuance of the application. Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications directed to the canceled claims.

The Examiner objects to the specification because the extent of foaming values do not have units. Applicant respectfully submits that units are not required and those of ordinary skill in the art will understand the term and values. Consider, for example, U.S. patent 4750208, which discusses "extent of foaming" values having no units with the following exemplary sentences:

At column 7, lines 13-18:

The converter illustrated in FIG. 10 has the same constitution as the one in FIG. 2; accordingly the same symbols are employed with no explanation for them. 37 denotes a flat vibration plate which is made of foamed product, say, foamed polyethylene with the extent of foaming of 15-20.

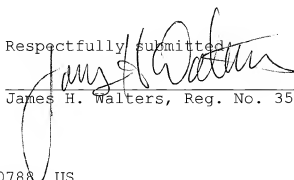
At column 17 lines 49-51

In this example the vibration plate 37 is made of a foamed product, for instance, foamed polyethylene of extent of foaming of 20-30;

It is respectfully believed that the above helps demonstrate that representing extent of foaming as in applicants' specification is sufficient.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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